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### Jimmy Carter Presidential Library

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The Jimmy Carter Presidential Museum is following CDC and National Archives guidelines for the health and safety of our visitors and staff. The museum is **CURRENTLY OPEN** with limited capacity and advance timed-entry ticketing. Please check our museum and research room status and other details [here](#).



### From Our Director

This month we celebrate the contributions of women in history and society. When I think about women champions, I think of Mrs. Carter, born Eleanor Rosalynn Smith in 1927. She is not just the wife of a politician, or mother to her four children - she is an activist and change agent in her own right. Some misinterpret her gentle demeanor for

She is frank in her opinions and has spent her lifetime encouraging and finding support for healthy living - mind, body and soul. An avid supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and advocate for the chronically ill, disabled, and elderly. She is dedicated to the fight to remove the stigma of mental health around the world.

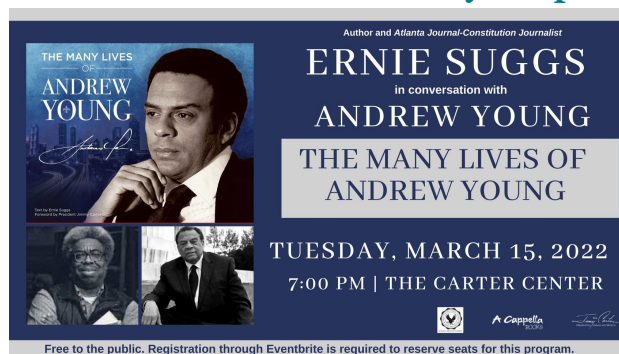
From her time in the Governor's office to the White House she shared her opinions and thoughts on issues. Mrs. Carter was the first First Lady to maintain an office in the East Wing from which she managed a host of routine duties and special projects. She took an active role in the administration, attending Cabinet meetings and major briefings, representing the President at ceremonial occasions, and served as the President's personal emissary to Latin American countries. She continued the mental health work begun in Georgia, serving as the Active Honorary Chair of the President's Commission on Mental Health. After returning to Georgia, Mrs. Carter took on a leadership role at the Carter Center and remains a successful change agent in the nation and the world. This month we salute her.



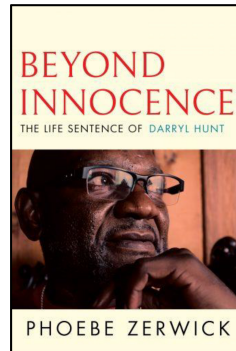
## Upcoming Author Programs & Film Screening

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM

[Carter Center's Cecil B. Day Chapel](#)

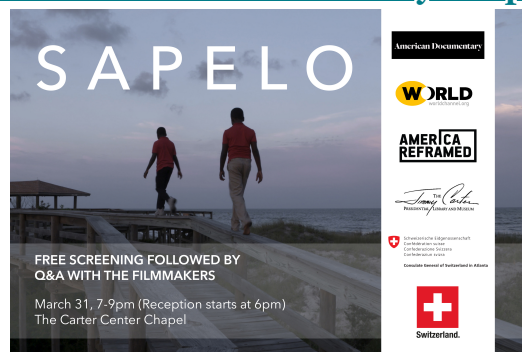


The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, the Atlanta Chapter of The North Carolina Central University Alumni Association and A Cappella Books proudly welcome Atlanta Journal-Constitution journalist Ernie Suggs and the Honorable Andrew Young to The Carter Center for an intimate conversation of Suggs' new biography, "***The Many Lives of Andrew Young***." This is an in person event celebrating Ambassador Young's 90th Birthday. **Face Masks and Reservations Required.** Details and reservation link [here](#).

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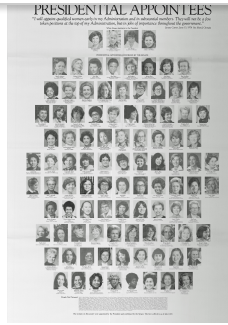
The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and ACappella Books host author Phoebe Zerwick. Part true crime drama, part chronicle of a life cut short by systemic racism, ***"Beyond Innocence"*** powerfully illuminates the sustained catastrophe faced by an innocent person in prison and the civil death nearly everyone who has been incarcerated experiences attempting to restart their lives. Freed after nineteen years behind bars, Darryl Hunt became a national advocate for social justice, and his case inspired lasting reforms, among them a law that allows those on death row to appeal their sentence with evidence of racial bias. Details and event link [here](#).

**Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 PM**  
**[Carter Center's Cecil B. Day Chapel](#)**



The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and the Consulate General of Switzerland present a special advance screening of the documentary ***Sapelo***. Experience a glimpse into the lives of two brothers growing up on Sapelo island, McIntosh County GA. The film screening will be followed by a Q&A with film directors Nick Brandestini and Taylor Segrest. The event is FREE and open to the public (recommended for ages 10 and up). **Face Masks and Registration Required.** [Details here.](#)

**Women's History Month**  
**Presidential Appointees**



President Carter made it clear during the '76 campaign that women's rights were important to him, saying "I will appoint qualified women early in my administration and in substantial numbers. They will not be in a few token positions at the top of my administration, but in jobs of importance throughout the government." ([\*\*Source: Records of the 1976 Campaign Committee to Elect Jimmy Carter ; Series: Noel Sterrett Subject File; Folder: Carter's Briefings and Statements; Container 69\*\*](#)).

By March 1979 President Carter had made 1,484 appointments, 268 (18%) of which were women, and by the end of his term he had appointed 41 of the 46 women serving as federal judges, and 3 of the 6 women ever to have served as full Cabinet members. On October 20, 1978, President Carter signed the Extension of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Ratification as a gesture to show how strongly he felt about it and how much he supported extending the ratification time limit to 1982.

To learn more about President Carter and his role with the ERA please check out our [\*\*Google Arts and Culture exhibit\*\*](#).

## Women's History Month

### [\*\*\*"First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image with Rosalynn Carter"\*\*\*](#)



In connection with the Carter Presidential Museum's hosting of the Smithsonian exhibit, "***First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image***" in 2005, Atlanta PBS station WABE made a half hour program on Rosalynn Carter and her work as First Lady. The program, titled [\*\*\*"First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image with Rosalynn Carter"\*\*\*](#) includes conversations with Mrs. Carter, historian Edith P. Mayo who curated the exhibit, her aides and others. There are also scenes of



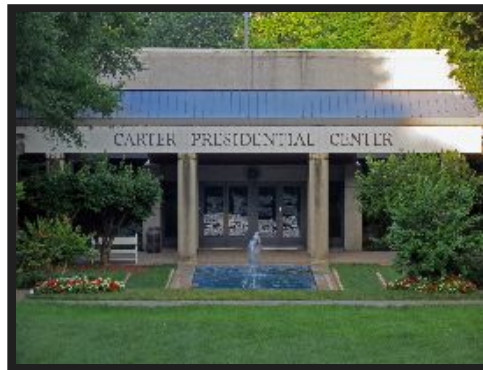
## Attention Educators: Distance Learning *We Rule: Civics for All of US*



***We Rule: Civics for All of US*** is a new education initiative from the National Archives that promotes civic literacy and engagement. We're providing teachers with programming, curricula, and exceptional field trip experiences both online and at our locations across the country.

Our civics programs empower young people to make a positive difference and improve the world they are inheriting. These programs draw upon the vast archival holdings of the National Archives housed in our nation's capital, the Presidential Libraries, and at National Archives facilities nationwide to promote the knowledge and skills students need for civic engagement in the 21st century. Details and schedule [here](#).

## The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library



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